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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL COUNCIL ON
CRIME AND DELINQUENCY**

This is to inform your Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate a sole source contract with National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). Through this contract, Children's Research Center (CRC), a Division of NCCD, would provide consulting services, Technical Assistance (TA), and Subscription services to support Structured Decision Making® (SDM). DCFS utilizes the SDM service to use with placement resources (foster caregivers and relative placements), and is a critical resource needed to maintain quality utilization.

This contract provides consulting for development and ongoing TA (by phone, email, and on-site visit), annual SDM Management and Specialized Reports, web-based application support, and SafeMeasure® Subscription renewal. The estimated cost for the SDM consulting services, TA, and the SafeMeasure® Subscription services contract is \$154,952 per year for a total of \$464,856 for the three years contract.

The current SDM services contract with NCCD was procured by negotiation and will expire on December 31, 2008. A procurement by negotiation is normally limited for a one-year period per State regulations. Due to unique circumstances, DCFS requested the State to approve a three-year contract term, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011. It is anticipated that the negotiation with this agency will occur in the near future.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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